

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 13-15, 17-22, 24-26, 28-38 and 40-45 are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 31-38 are allowed. Claims 6, 11, 16-17, 19-21, 24-26, 28-30, and 41-45 are objected to, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying allowable subject matter.

Claims 31-38 remain unchanged and in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate all limitations of allowable claim 6 (now canceled as a result of this incorporation). Thus, claim 6 is essentially rewritten in independent form as claim 1, which is in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-5 are also in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 1.

Claim 7 is amended to incorporate all limitations of allowable claim 11 (now canceled as a result of this incorporation). Thus, claim 11 is essentially rewritten in independent form as claim 7, which is in condition for allowance. Claim 7 is additionally amended to cure a typographical error; namely changing "device description" in the final element (as in original claim 11) to the appropriate "service description", as used in the other claim elements and dependent claims. Dependent claims 8-10 are also in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 7.

Claim 13 is amended to incorporate all limitations of allowable claim 16 (now canceled as a result of this incorporation). Thus, claim 16 is essentially

1 rewritten in independent form as claim 13, which is in condition for allowance.
2 Additionally, the preamble of claim 13 is amended to recite "method of describing
3 a self-describing network device" (as opposed to a "method of describing a
4 universal plug and play device") to make it consistent with the body of the claim
5 and for clarity in relation to dependent claim 15. Allowable claim 17, originally
6 dependent from claim 16, now depends from claim 13 and hence remains in
7 condition for allowance. Dependent claims 14-15, 18, and 22 are also in condition
8 for allowance by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 13.

9 Allowable claim 19 is rewritten in independent form. Additionally, the
10 preamble of claim 19 is amended to recite "method of describing a self-describing
11 network device" (as opposed to a "method of describing a universal plug and play
12 device") to make it consistent with the body of the claim. Allowable claims 20-
13 21 remain dependent on claim 19. Claims 19-21 are thus in condition for
14 allowance.

15 Allowable claims 24 and 25 are both rewritten in independent form.
16 Allowable claim 26 remains dependent on claim 25. Claims 24-26 are in
17 condition for allowance.

18 Allowable claim 28 is rewritten in independent form. Allowable claims
19 29-30 remain dependent on claim 28. Claims 28-30 are in condition for
20 allowance.

21 Allowable claim 41 is rewritten in independent form. Claim 40 is
22 amended to depend from claim 41 and allowable claim 42 remains dependent on
23 claim 41. Thus, claims 40-42 are in condition for allowance.
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1 Allowable claim 43 is rewritten in independent form. Allowable claims
2 44-45 remain dependent on claim 43. Claims 43-45 are in condition for
3 allowance.

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5 **Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

6 Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-15, 18, 22, 23, 27, 39-40, and 46 stand rejected under
7 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over different combinations of references.

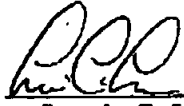
8 These claims are either canceled or amended to incorporate allowable
9 claims or depend from allowable claims. Accordingly, the rejections are rendered
10 moot.

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12 **Conclusion**

13 Claims 1-5, 7-10, 13-15, 17-22, 24-26, 28-38 and 40-45 are in condition for
14 allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject
15 application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this
16 case, **the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve**
17 **the issue.**

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19 Respectfully Submitted,

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